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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

### Requirement for Information – 37 USC 1.105

1. Applicant and Assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following that the Examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

In response to this requirement, please provide the citation and a copy of each publication which any of the applicants authored or co-authored and which describe the disclosed subject matter of automatically generating a theme-based story, whereby a simulation engine is employed in instantiating the theme and further generating elements of the story.

Please state whether any search of prior art was performed. If a search was performed, state the citation for each prior art collection searched. If any art retrieved from the search was considered relevant to demonstrating the knowledge of a person having ordinary skill in the art to the disclosed method and system of automatically generating a theme-based story, please provide the citation for each piece of art considered and a copy of the art.

In responding to those requirements that require copies of documents, where the document is a bound text or a single article over 50 pages, the requirement may be met by providing copies of those pages that provide the particular subject matter indicated in the requirement, or where such subject matter is not indicated, the subject matter found in applicant's disclosure.

The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the

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scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97.

The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of **TWO MONTHS**. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. The status of the pending claims 1-32, stand respective of the final rejection mailed October 24, 2002 (see paper no. 7), whereby claims 1-28, 30 and 31 are allowed, and claims 29 and 32 are rejected. The submitted After-Final Amendment "B", filed February 26, 2003 (see paper no. 8) and After-Final Amendment "C", filed May 15, 2003 (see paper no. 13) were not entered into record. Accompanying the response to the above 37 USC 1.105, it is advised that the applicant submit a full disclosure of all claims to be entered into record.

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#### Conclusion

3. An inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kelvin Booker whose telephone number is (703) 308-4088. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM-5:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee, can be reached on (703) 305-8498. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7239.

An inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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